

Englands Warning.

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A friendly ADMONITION to the
Rulers thereof, to beware of per-
secuting the Righteous for yeild-
ing Obedience to the Law of God;

Left by so doing (as they have already begun)
they provoke the Most High to Judgement,
and to pour out his Wrath upon them untill
there be no Remedy, which will be speedily
accomplished if they repent not, but still go
on in the Execution of their late cruel Edict.

Isa. 10. 1, 2, 3.

We unto those that decree Marigious Decrees, and shew maine Crim-
eworke, which they have prescribed. To turn aside the Neck from
Judgement, and to take away the Right from the Poor of my People,
that Widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the Fatherless.
And what will ye do in the day of Visitation, and in the Distress
which shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help, and where
will you leave your glory?



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O England this to thee is sent,
That thou maist speedily repent,
And so far to employ thy Trust
As that thou maist defend the fust.

O Foolish Nation, void of Grace
and Understanding true,
The Cruel Acts that thou hast made,
thou maist have time to rue.
Dost think thy Peace doth stand in this,
to persecute the Poor,
And eke the Meek, that fear the Lord,
and do his Name implore?
O no, England, that's not the way
for thee to thrive and stand,
To banish those that Righteous are
out of their Native Land,
Remember what yo ~~Sadon~~ fell,
when Lot was gone to Zoar,
How that the Lord did them consume
and burnt up all their stow.

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Because the Righteous man he did
their wicked deeds reprove,
Therefore they persecuted him,
to force him to remove.

But when that he was gone (you see)
they soon to Ruine came :

Take heed lest that thy portion be
to undergo the same.

Ifa. 1. 9 Consider Isarel of old,
had not a Remnant been,
How God like Sodom them had made,
so heinous was their sin.

And wilt thou cast the Remnant out,
whom he doth highly prize ;

If. 13. 2 VVhich are his Habitation pure ?
how dar'st thou them despise ?

VVhy, they are those that to the Lord
do pray oft for thy Peace,

Numb. 36. 48. And stand oft-times within the Gap
his Fury for to cease

For when thy sins for Vengeance cryes
up to the Mighty God,
That he is ready thee to break
in peices with his Rod,

Then

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Then they with humble broken hearts
before his gracious Throne Exo. 30.
Do spread thy Case before the Lord 11, 12.
with many a sigh and groan ;
Beseeching for his Mercies sake
his Judgments to withdraw,
And not on thee to exercise
the Rigor of his Law ;
And that thy sins he pardon would,
and eke thy Life amend,
That he his Judgments would divert,
and down his Blessings send.
And often-times he pardou'd hath
according to their word, Numb.
And thee deliver'd from Pestilence, 14. 19.
from Famine and from Sword. 20.
And wilt thou be so barbarous,
for all their love and care,
As not to suffer these thy Friends
with thee to have a share.
Of those great Blessings which the Land
enjoyeth for their sake,
But that with Violence and Rage
away thou wilt them take.

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From their dear Wives and Children small,
and from their Native soil,
Them to expose to Misery,
to Labour and to Toyl,
Within a strange and unknown Land,
from their Relations dear,
And they at home to dye with grief,
for want of succour here ?

O horrible Ingratitude !
thou mak'st my heart to bleed
To think of thy inhumane Acts
against a Righteous Seed.

And all because they wait upon
the Ever Blessed Lord,

Mal. 3. And meet together in his Fear,
Heb. 10 ^{16.} according to his Word.

25. O England thou hast greatly sinn'd,
in bending of thy Might
Only against the Innocent,
on them to work thy spight.

And not only against these Lambs
dost thou with force thus strive,
Luke 10. 16. But eke against their Captain strong,
1 Thess. who alwaies sitts alive

4. 8.

At

At the Right-hand of God on high, ^{Heb. 10}
who stronger is than all, ^{12.}
And will in peices break thy Force
when Vengeance he lets fall : ^{W.}
For when his glittering Sword is whet, ^{Dam.}
his Hand doth Vengeance hold, ^{32.41.}
He'll make thee sadly rue the time
that ere thou wast so bold, ^{M. M.}
To let pass such unjust Decrees, ^{Job. 17.10}
'gainst those that do him fear, ^{Jfa. 10.}
Who, as the Apple of his Eye, ^{Zech.}
they are to him most dear. ^{2. 8.}
It is the chief and Corner-stone ^{Psalm 118.22.}
at which thy Force is bent, ^{John 5.18.}
Which soon will thee to powder grinde, ^{Math.}
except thou dost repent, ^{23. 44.}
And call back that unrighteous Law, ^{John 17.18.}
by which thou goest about ^{John 17.18.}
For to destroy the Righteous, ^{John 17.18.}
and blot their Remnant out. ^{John 17.18.}
That very Law it is enough ^{John 17.18.}
thy Blessings all to blast, ^{John 17.18.}
And turn aby good things upside down; ^{John 17.18.}
and thee give up at last. ^{John 17.18.}

To

8. *England's Warning.*

To leap the finite of chistly Sin,
like Pharoah and his Crew,
Exod. Who for the like Oppression great,
14.28. the Lord he overthrew.
Therefore *England*, Repent with speed,
14.28. whilst that thy Day doth last,
Lest that the Night on thee doth come,
when Mercy will be past.
For whoso evil doth to chose,
that fear His Holy Name,
Math. He takes as done unto himself,
25.45. and will requite the same.
Psal. 7. For with such deeds the Lord he is
full angry ev'ry day,
And if thou turn'st not, then he will
on thee his Fury lay,
Psal. 7. And will let fly his Arrows on
12.13. thy Persecuting pate,
16. And eke his Instruments of Death,
because thy Soul heil hate :
For he a perfect hatred hath
to every one of those
That with malicious hearts do bend
themselves to be the foes

Of

Englands Worlde

Of those he doth so highly prize,
that are his Temple pure,
With whom he will for ever dwell
whilst Sun and Moon endure.

Thou art about a work this day,
at which none did ere thrive
That ever took the same in hand
since there was man alive,

Namely, to persecute the Just,
whom Christ their Captain dear,
Hath Redeemed with his own Blood
to be God's Building here.

Consider their Foundation's sure,
a Stone that doth not fail,
Against which Rock the gates of Hell,
they never shall prevail.

And dost thou think that art but Clay,
to break this Building down,
Which God appointed hath for aye
a Temple of Renown.

The first that did this work begin
thou knowst twas blody Cain,
Who did his Righteous Brother kill,
his purpose to obtain

2 Cor. 6.
16.

Psalms.
72. 7

1 Cor.
3. 9
1 Pet.
2. 6.
Math.
16. 18.

Because

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Job., Because his Brother's works were good,
3. 22. and his, like thine, were curs'd;
Therefore he spilt the Righteous Blood,
after which thou dost thirst.
But what to him for this beseath
as plainly thou maist read,
Gen. 4. It caus'd the Vengeance of the Lord,
12. 16. on him to fall with speed,
It shut him out for evermore
from favour with the Lord.
To be a cursed Vagabond,
and this was his Reward.
When Pharaoh King of Egypt did
this woful work begin,
Thou knowst how Vengeance him pursu'd,
so grievous was his sin.
Exod. 6. Before the Lord, who did behold
23. and th' Oppression of the Just,
10. 15. For which he made his Fury smoke
and within his Land like dust,
12. 29. And took away his Corn and Wine,
his Cattel and his Store,
And did his First-born likewise kill
for his Oppression sake.
And

England's Warriour

And then at length when nothing would
his furious mind affwage,
But that he would the Meek pursue
with Cruelty and Rage, *and I'*
Ev'n then the Lord did undertake
their Pride for to allay, *A vnd His vnd*
And caus'd both him and all his Host *W* Exod.
14. 28.
to perish in one day, *and I' s. 2. 8. 2. 8.*
Within the Deep, because they did w^t H
his Children dear pursue, *and I' s. 2. 8.*
And would not suffer them the Lord *A*
to worship, as was due *s. 2. 8. 2. 8.*
For those that do oppress the Poor, *s. 2. 8.*
because they worship God, *D me. vi.*
He'l make them cry aloud, and roar, *and T. 1. 1. 2. 3.*
with th' Vengeance of his Rod, *and I' s. 2. 8.*
And thus if that thou tak' st a view o' newt
of all that ever wrought *and I' s. 2. 8.*
In this most sad and woful work, *and T.*
thoul't find they came to nought, *and I' s.*
And dost thou think better to speed *and I' s.*
than those that went before *now vnd*
O no, thy Judgment halts apace, *vnd to H. 1. 1. 2. 2.*
it's even at the door, *and I' s. 2. 8.*

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Except

Except thou endist thy Cruelty,
and thy past deeds relent,
Thou'l quickly feel his heavy hand
before long time be spent. O di
Again, consider what is done
by all thy Actings great,
Wherein thou hast employ'd thy self
the Righteous to defeat ;
How many of thy Goats hast thou
fill'd with the Innocent ? blind
And yet there's more abroad than was
when to this work thou went.
Just as it was with Pharaoh's Train,
whom God then overthrew,
Exod. 1. The more they did oppres the Meek,
the more th' increas'd and grew,
Even so it is with thee this day
in this thy Cruelty,
The more thou seek'st them to destroy,
the more they multiply & in mod
And so they will, when thou hast done
the worst thou canst devise,
Psalms 125. 1. For they like to Mount Sion are,
their portion is to rise.
144. 2. 2. And

And for to grow exceeding great,
a Mountain strong and tall,
Which must at length Dominion have,
and rule the Nations all :
For he that overcomes, saith Christ,
and keeps my words for ever,
The Nations with a Rod shall rule,
and break like Potters clay,
And whilst that they do here abide
under thy Fury great,
They have a Tower strong, into
the which they may retreat.
And there in safety they'll abide
in this their Tower high,
Beyond the reach of all thy Rage
and furious Cruelty,
Where though thou spendest all thy Force,
their Strong-hold to obtain,
Or them to drive from their Defence,
thy labour will be vain,
For strong is he that doth their Gates,
and eke their Walls defends,
And wil preserve them from thy spight,
and keep them to the end,

Rev. 2, 26, 27.

Prov. 18, 10.

All

All that thou doſt by this thy work,

is but to haſt thy wo;

But as to thofe thou perſecut,

it will be nothing ſo,

If thou tranfportest them away,

Jerom. 24. 5. whom God hath made his choice,

His Preſence with them ſtill will go

their hearts for to rejoyce:

And wheresoever they become,

or what they may endure,

Ezek. 11. 16. Yet he will be their hiding-place,

and ſafely them ſecure;

Dent. 32. 9. For why? they are his Portion dear,

in whom his ſoul delights,

Iſa. 27. 3. And he a Guard will be to them

by day and eke by night.

But wo to thee when they are gone

who did thy Peace maintain,

For they to God Will ery aloud,

and ſore on thee complain;

And call for Vengeance, which is due

for thy Oppreſſion great:

And doubtleſs he'll be heard of them

when they do him entreat.

And

English Mourning.

And then thy Miseries will come
like Arrows, swift and strong,
And to the heart they will thee pierce,
because thou didst such wrong
To those that always were thy friends
in time of thy distress,
For whom the Lord he often did
with benefits thee bless.
O how the tears will gush a main
from those in Widowhood !
Which sore against thee will prevail,
like to a mighty Flood,
And overturn thy Blessings all,
and wash away thy Pride,
Like to a City swallow'd up,
when in doth break the Tide,
A strong Indictment will be drawn
by those that wronged are,
And thou arraigned then must be
before a Righteous Bar,
And if thou shalt not guilty plead,
but wilt thy Issue sue,
A thousand Witnesses shall rise
to prove th'Indictment true;

Dram.
27. 19.

The

- Job. 20.* I. The Heavens thy Iniquity
 27. shall publickly reveal,
 And there before the Mighty Judge
 the naked truth shall tell,
 How that thou hast polluted them
 by thy blasphemous breath,
 And eke the Righteous hast opprest
 with Cruelty and Death.
2. The Earth moreover will declare
 the burden that she bore,
 By reason of thy Cruelty
 and thy Oppression sore :
- Is. 26.* The Righteous Blood she will disclose
 21. that in her bowels lay,
 Which she was forced for to drink,
 when thou the Just didst slay.
 How will she there on thee complain,
 that she the Faithful hath
- Heb. 11.* Been forc'd to hide within her caves
 38. from thy most cruel Wrath,
 And forc'd her corners to prepare
 the Meek to entertain,
 Because thou wouldest not suffer them
 at home for to remain
- With

With their dear *Wives* and little *Babes*
which precious to them are,
Of whom they are enjoyn'd by God
to nourish and take care.

1 Tim.
5. 8.

3. Then will the mournful *Widow* come,
and to the Judge make known,
To her thou hast been merciless,
and hast no pity shown;
But that out of her bosome thou
didst force her *Husband* kind,
Whom God in Mercy had to Her
in holy Wedlock joyn'd.

Matth.
19. 6.

A Bill at large she will produce
of all the grief and smart,
That she sustain'd for want of him
that lay so near her heart.

And then for Vengeance will she call
upon thy head likewise,
Because thou wert so cruel bent
such wayes for to devise;
As for to Banish him away
who was her Faithful Friend,
Who nourished both she and hers,
and willing was to spend

C His

His Strength and eke his Substance too
before they want should have,
Or any Mis'ry undergo
that he them from could save.

4. Then up will come the *Fatherless*
like to an Arny strong;

And to the Judge they will complain
that they have suffered wrong;
Because thou hast by Cruelty
exil'd their Fathers dear,

Mul. 3. And made their Mothers hearts to bleed
their groanings for to hear;

How that thou hast their ruin wrought,
and eke their good things sack'd

And them to Misery hast brought
by thy Transporting Act.

5. Then they together with the Rest,
aloud to God will Cry

That he to Judgment would make hast,
and let his Arrows fly,

Dent.
32. 23. And give to thee a just Reward
for all that thou hast wrought;

Because that thou most greedily
the Righteous blood hast sought.

6. Then

6. Then will thy guilty Conscience rise
as Witness at that Day, *Rom. 2. 35.*
And testify against thee more
than all the rest can say : *Jude 15.*
And then thy sins of every sort
before thee will be pen'd, *Jude 15.*
And thou be forced there to stand
thy Judgment to attend.
Then will it be too late for thee
unto the Rocks to fly, *Rev. 6. 35, 36.*
Or to the Hills, Come cover me
from this most Dreadful Day : *Rev. 6. 35, 36.*
For though they were a shelter to
the poor whom thou didst grieve,
Yet will they thee no Favour shew,
nor any whit relieve.
But then the Judge will Thunder forth,
thy Sentence in his Ire,
Which will to thee more Dreadful be,
than burning flames of Fire ;
O go ye Cursed will he say, *Matth. 25. 41.*
My Wrath for ever bear ;
Because ye have been so unkind
to these my Brethren dear.

For what thinke didst unto the least howe
of these my deare Friends, is almighty
I take as done unto my Selfe; I am verry
and now will be Reveng'd

Upon thy head for evermore, o almighty
I plainly do thee tell,

For thou forthwith away shall go
into the Lowest Hell,

2 Thess. Where separated thou shalt be
1. 8, 9. from all Joy and Delight,

Rev. 14. And be Tortured evermore,
10, 11. by Day and eke by Night.

And this will be thy Portion sure
if that thou beest so stony

To Execute those Cruel Laws
which thou hast late set out

O England now therefore Repent
that Mercy thou mayst find,

Gen. 19. Or else like to the Sodomites
thou'lt soon be stricken blind.

O cease from thy Oppression great
else Ruine will thee tend

And say that thou hast Warning had
from one that is thy Friend.

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